NATURAL NEWS

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BATS TAKE UP RESIDENCE (TEMPORARILY) AT THE FIELD

Our major exhibit this year is **Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats**. It will be in the ground floor Special Exhibit Galleries June 17 through September 4 (Labor Day). This traveling exhibit is heavily interactive with a strong emphasis on conservation. It includes dramatic rainforest and cave settings. Brookfield Zoo will provide live fruit-bats. **Bill Stanley** of our Mammals Division is developing an area of the exhibit that will show Field Museum's involvement in bat-related research.

Bats will cost $3:00 for everyone except members, who will pay $1.00. A combination ticket for **Bats** and **Life Over Time** will cost $4.00 for adults; $3.50 for kids and seniors. *Staff can enter at any time by presenting their ID and may purchase tickets at the member rate for their families.* Though this will be a timed-entry exhibit, those buying tickets at the member rate may enter at any time. Tickets may also be purchased at the entrance to the exhibit.

The Education Department has developed a wide range of bat activities for the summer. Look for schedules in the May/June and July/August issues of *In The Field.* Here is a schedule of opening events:

Wednesday June 14	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Vendors Breakfast
	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Taxi Day
Thursday June 15	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Staff Preview
	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Press Preview
	3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Womens Board Preview
Friday June 16	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Centennial Club
	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Donors Preview

Several department managers have been invited to participate in conversations about bat-related activities. I hope that their input in planning for the potential impact of this exhibit will help in the handling of any difficulties that it may create. As always, I would appreciate feedback and comments to help in planning for future exhibits.

Carrie Hageman, Special Exhibits

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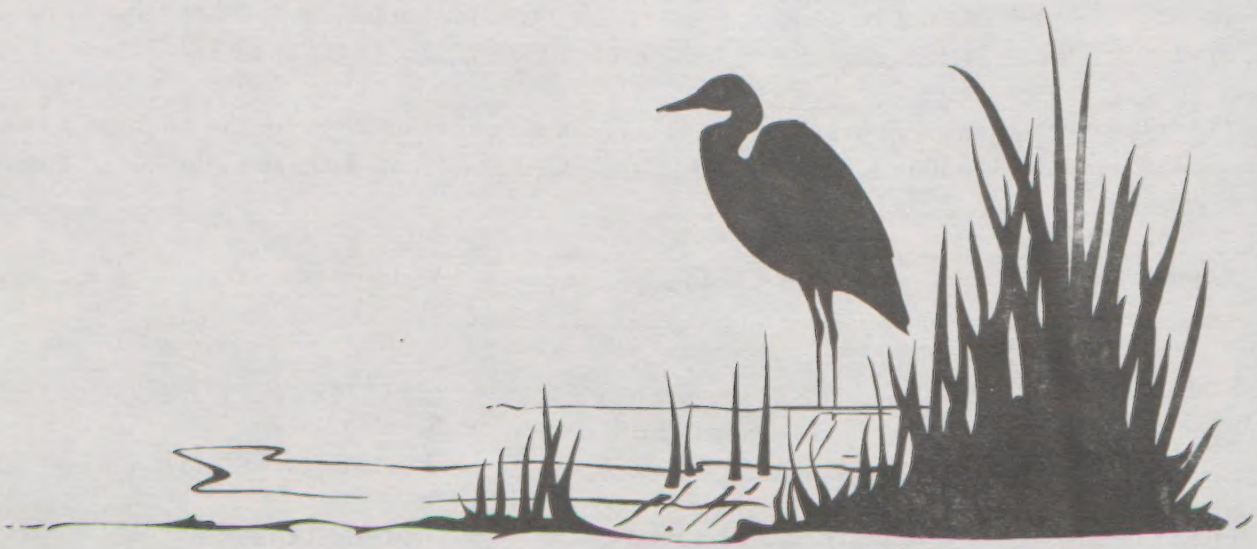
LARRY HEANEY RETURNS TO PHILIPPINES TO CONTINUE RESEARCH

Larry Heaney (Zoology) will be in the Philippines from March 1 to April 12 to continue his basic research project on mammals, develop programs in ecology and evolution at several universities, and advise government offices on wildlife conservation issues. He also will attend the second annual meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines. (**Blas Tabaranza**, Associate in Zoology, who many of you met in 1993, is the Society's president. Myrissa Lepiten, who you may remember from the training program in 1992, is the treasurer.) Larry will spend three weeks conducting field surveys of a poorly-known island in the southern Philippines that appears to be a "lost continent." Watch these pages for the latest news on new species of mammals!

HELP NEEDED: GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT MISSING TABLE

During the week of February 20, a table belonging to the Geology Department was taken from the northeast end of the third floor. The table has a white formica top and black tubular steel legs. We ask that it be returned as soon as possible. Contact **Mark** (x293) for assistance.



NOON BALLOON TO BEGIN TUESDAY, MARCH 7
IN ZOOLOGY CLASSROOM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

SOFTBALL TRADITIONS

I am writing in response to Gene Dillenburg's article regarding Dead Animal Zoo softball traditions. While Mr. Dillenburg is certainly knowledgeable in many areas, it seems that his interpretation of tradition has confused the emic with the etic. While it may appear to the untrained outside observer that team coaches serve for three years, this is not the case. From my many years of anthropological studies, as well as exposure to The Field Museum's highly trained curatorial staff, it is clear that the tradition is phenomenologically, rather than chronologically based. In fact, coaches serve until they lose a prescribed number of games. Because the current coach has, in fact, won six games over the last three years, he still has at least another season to serve in the position.

Sincerely,

Janice B. Klein
Registrar, Anthropology

DEADLINE for submission to the *Natural News* is Tuesday at noon. Articles are to be given to Carolyn Klyce in the President's office.

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"GREEN CARD" 1-151 REPLACEMENT

March 20, 1995 Deadline

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is requiring the replacement of alien registration cards known as Form 1-151 ("green cards") -- these are cards issued prior to 1979. If you are a permanent resident alien who has 1-151 on the edge of your card, this notification pertains to you, and you must fill out and file an application for the 1-151 card before March 20, 1995. If you already have 1-551 on the edge of your card, you are not required to replace it.

You may apply for the 1-551 replacement card at the local INS office (10 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois) Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or you may obtain an application by calling the INS Hotline at 312/353-7334. When you apply at the INS office, bring $75 for the application fee and two passport-size photographs showing your right ear and left eye.

COFFEE PRICES GOING UP

We (*McDonald's* and *Picnic in the Field*) would like to apologize for any inconvenience arising from our failure to notify staff concerning the price increase with Columbian coffee. The price for Columbian coffee has risen and we have been absorbing the cost but now we must pass the increase onto the consumers. The price of a small cup has increased to 74¢; medium to 83¢; and large to 93¢.

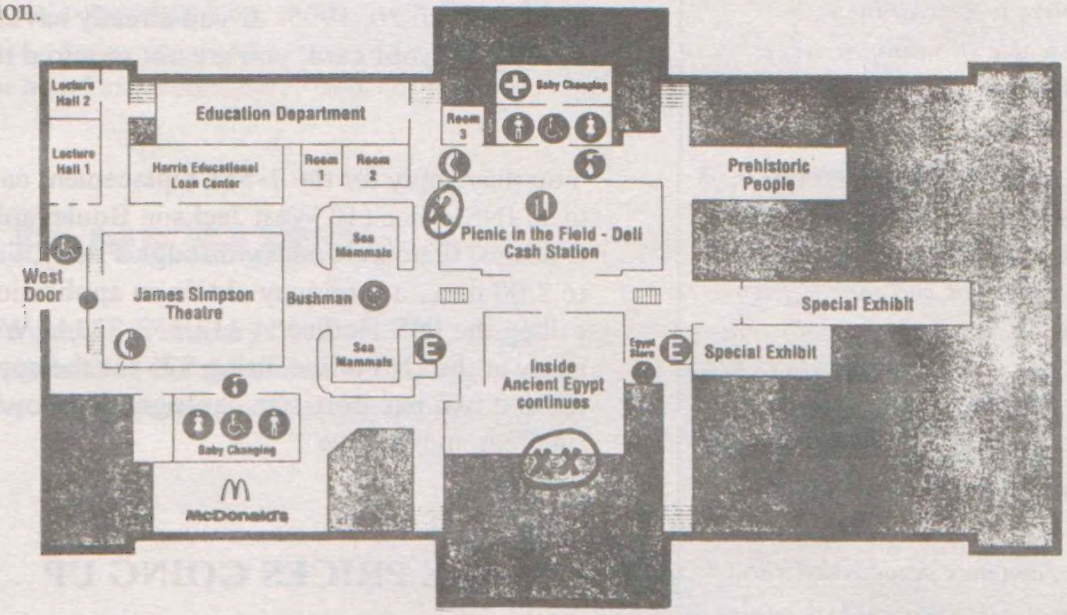
Our policy is that with the purchase of a cup of coffee you may receive one refill that day with proof of receipt. McDonald's refills will not be honored at Picnic in the Field and vice versa.

We greatly appreciate any positive suggestions you might have. Please notify **Mr. Victor A. Ibitoye,** General Manager of *McDonald's,* or **Mrs. Maria Claybon,** *Picnic* Manager, with your comments to help us serve you better. Thank you.

SECURITY MOVES

The Security Service Equipment Office will be closed from Saturday, March 4 through Wednesday, March 8, 1995, due to relocating. Office hours will resume on Thursday, March 9, 1995. Security's new Equipment Office will be in Housekeeping's previous storage room (X marks the spot in the map below). Housekeeping will then occupy the current equipment office next door to their office (XX marks the spot below).

During this transition, we will retrieve all messages from ext. 239. Thank you for your cooperation.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: ACCESS CODES FOR XEROX MACHINES

Beginning ***Monday, March 13,*** the Xerox machines in the Mail Room, Administration area, Development and Personnel will require an access code to operate.

These machines will operate once your department code has been entered. Your department head has been notified of the code and is responsible for giving out the code to the appropriate individuals in their departments. If you have any questions about the use of Xerox machines, please see your department head.

We extend sympathies to the family and friends of former staffer, **Jessie K. Dudley,** who passed away in California on February 10, 1995. Ms. Dudley retired on June 30, 1971 after almost twenty-two years of service, eleven years of which were spent in the Book Shop and eleven as switchboard/receptionist.